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The Indiana Attorney General, Steve Carter, has sent the following statements to me.

He stated:

The Federal Communications Commission recently announced that their website is again available for comments regarding their proposed "Do Not Call" rule. Since many of you were unable to get through to the FCC after our initial message, we are re-sending this message to make you aware of this opportunity to comment.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering a proposal that could diminish the protections you receive from Indiana's Telephone Privacy law. Please take a moment to review the following information.

The FCC is considering preempting state Telephone Privacy laws in favor of adopting one lower national standard. While the legal arguments about preemption are complicated, the practical result could mean that you will receive more unwanted telemarketing calls. Should the FCC try to preempt state law, you could receive unwanted calls from some companies that you have previously done business with...credit card companies, phone companies, and anybody else that considers you an "existing customer."

I would like to express my feelings as follows:

1. That the FCC should not implement any proposal that would lessen Indiana's Telephone Privacy law protections.
2. That Indiana's Telephone Privacy law has improved mine and my family's time at Home.
3. How effective has Indiana's law been to our household? I used to receive unwanted calls through the evening hours and all weekend. We both work so there is no one at home during the day. We now enjoy the fact that only calls of friends and family are the only calls received during the evenings and weekends.

It never fails, our State Government has protected us from the hassle of telephone solicitation and now the Federal Government comes along and decides that it can do it better job but they always fall short of doing what they say they can do.

When all is said and done, it looks like the Telephone Lobbyists will have their way.

Please, for the sake of our privacy, let our State Government and all the other states control this problem at the state level.

Respectively,

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